

Hongkong Telegraph

No. 3746

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.
THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$1,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP 351,993.15.0

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE: No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES: BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
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AGENCIES: PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
AND Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,

Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED 1,185,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF A PER CENT.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—

For 12 Months 5 per cent.

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JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000
Subscribed Capital 500,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—

D. Gillies, Esq. ChowTungShang, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

H. Stolterfoht, Esq.

Chief Manager,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches: London, Yokohama, Shanghai and
Amoy.

BANKERS:—The Commercial Bank of Scotland.

Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [17]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

H. E. THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING
THE GOVERNMENT and Mrs.

DIGBY BARKER will be AT HOME at

HEADQUARTER HOUSE to receive VISITORS

TO-MORROW, 10th May, from 4.30 P.M.

TENNIS.

C. C. PLATT,
P. S.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1894. [550]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

ON and after WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant, the WATER SUPPLY will be TURNED ON daily for two hours only, viz., from 6 A.M. to 8 A.M.

By Command.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 8th May, 1894. [556]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 166.

FOR SALE.

THE STEAM LAUNCH "CHARLES
MAY," built of Teak-wood in 1880 by

the HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Length over all 71.5 feet, Breadth 11.7 feet,
Depth 6.6 feet.

ENGINES—Compound-surface-condensing;
Cylinders 10" and 18" by 12" stroke. Speed
9½ knots.

New Steel Boiler, W.P. 110 lbs, and extensive
overhaul to Engine and Hull, &c., by the

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.,

in January last.

May be inspected on application to the

Inspector of Water Police, Tsim Sha Tsui.

Tenders will be received at this Office until

NOW OF TUESDAY, the 2nd instant.

By Command,

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 1st May, 1894. [555]

TRADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
HONGKONG.

13, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, 24th August, 1894. [554]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD ENDOWMENT ASSURANCE.

1. AMONG THE MANY ADVANTAGES of this form of Assurance, the following may be mentioned:—
(a) It secures an immediate Provision for wife and family or other relatives in event of early death.
(b) It provides a Fund for Retirement.
(c) It supplies an excellent Investment for the regular accumulation of small fixed sums of money.
(d) The Surrender and loan values are larger than under ordinary Policies.

2. AFTER THE POLICY HAS BEEN THREE YEARS IN FORCE—should the Policy-holder wish to discontinue future payments—he will be entitled to receive, on application, a FREE PAID-UP POLICY for a proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in the Prospectus.

Full particulars on application,

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents,
STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

Hongkong, 8th August, 1893. [747]

THE TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: TOKIO, JAPAN.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,200,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP \$600,000
GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE \$400,000

RESERVE FUND, 30th June, 1893 \$ 548,551
SPECIAL RESERVE Do \$ 14,907

TOTAL RESERVE \$ 563,458

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to accept RISKS
at CURRENT RATES.

For the MIKUI BUSSAN KAISHA,
K. FUKUJI, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th April, 1894. [485]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
S.C. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1893. [180]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$83,333.33-
EQUAL TO } \$83,333.33-
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YEEU MOON, Esq.

LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1894. [974]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH, 1894.

COMPETITION LONG RANGE CUP:

Ranges 800 and 1000 yards; Ten Shots at
each distance. Entrance fee 30 cents.

ARTHUR CHAPMAN,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1894. [455]

NOTICE.

DURING my temporary absence from the
Colony, Mr. WILLIAM PENDER
MACLEAN, who holds my Power of Attorney,
will conduct the business of the Hongkong
Telegraph.

R. FRASER-SMITH,
Editor & Proprietor.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1894.

PHONOGRAHS.

TWO of EDISON'S LATEST are now being
EXHIBITED (for a few days only) at the
VICTORIA HOTEL, 130 RECORDS, Band
Music, Comic and Sentimental Songs, Cornell,
Clarinet, Trombone, Piccolo, Pipeopone,
Violin, Banjo, Xylophone and Flute Solos, Laughing
Songs, Auction Sales, Funny Speeches, &c.

FOUR SELECTIONS 10 cents.

Hongkong, 7th May, 1894. [552]

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AT 2.45 P.M.

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PURE FRESH WATER.

THE attention of SHIPPERS, AGENTS and
CAPTAINS is called to the Superior Quality of
TYTAN FILTERED WATER offered by

J. W. KEW & CO., also to the advantages

derived from their being able to Supply their
Water in one-fourth the time occupied by the
old-fashioned and obsolete hand pumps.

No impeding the loading or discharging of
Cargo.

Call for "W." Commercial Code.

J. W. KEW & CO.,
c/o Cunard & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1894. [554]

STEAM WATER BOATS.

THE

SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the

centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath

and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, will hot and cold water laid

on, Doucher, Shower, Sprays, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODIOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Attendant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamer.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged on application to the Manager.

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Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.

WARM CLOTHES.

THESE will all be spelt before next cold weather unless properly taken care of.

NAPHTHALINE

is the best thing to keep away Moths, &c., and prevent clothes smelling fusty.

FIFTY CENTS PER TIN.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English Makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

COAST PORT ORDERS,
whenever practicable, are despatched by steamer leaving after receipt of order.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties will receive a good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on Application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER

SODA WATER

LEMONADE

POTASH WATER

SELTZER WATER

PURE TABLE WATER

LITHIA WATER

SARSPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

GINGER ALE

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hongkong.
The Shanghai Pharmacy, 24, Nanking Road,
Shanghai.

Boticas Ingles, 14, Escuela, Manila.

The Canton Dispensary, Canton,
The Dispensary, Foochow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Hankow.

The Hongkong Dispensary, Tientsin.

London Office, 8, Fenchurch Buildings, E.C.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1894.

BIRTH.

At 10, Kuklung Road, on the 4th inst., the wife of G. D. BONING of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On May 9th at St. Joseph's Church, Hongkong, by the Very Reverend Father Vigno, EDWARD McCABE, to ROSE FAGAN, both of New Brighton, Liverpool.

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TELEGRAMS.

TRANSFER OF THE TROOPING
SERVICE HEAD QUARTERS.

LONDON, May 7th.

The despatch and reception of troops will henceforth be conducted at Southampton instead of, as formerly, at Portsmouth.

FATAL EXPLOSION AT WALTHAM.

A severe explosion occurred at the Royal Cordic's Factory, Waltham, by which many persons were killed, and others seriously injured. Much damage was done.

FRANCE.

PARIS, April 29th.

The anarchist Henry was sentenced to death to-day. He cried out in reply "Vive l'Anarchie!"

M. Casimir Perier, premier, opened the International Exhibition at Lyons to-day. He spoke of fiscal reforms, and said it Republic had no reason for fear and every reason for hope.

PANAMA.

May 3d.

The Court has condemned the estates of Relach and Herz to pay three million francs on account of the Panama fr. 11.

MAY-DAY.

The May-Day labour demonstrations led to strikes at Gees (Austria), Hamm (Belgium) and Cleveland (U.S.).

THE ULYSSES ARSENAL ON FIRE.

The armaments at Toulon arsenal have been burnt down; damage five million francs.

TYphoon Warning.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Señor Don Ortiz de Zugasti, Spanish Consul at this port, for the following telegram:

MANILA, May 9th,
1.45 p.m.

The depression east of Luzon is not travelling westward. The barometer is rising.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Spring Regatta of the Shanghai Rowing Club opens on the 2nd proximo.

An Emergency meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

This Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, and left again at midnight for this port; via Nagasaki and Shanghai.

No less than eight murders were committed in the course of a few hours at Yamato, Japan, on the 2nd ultimo. Love, jealousy, a sword, and an inflamed man were the active agents. A trial and an execution will follow in due course.

The Victory of Chibil was to have left Tientsin on Monday on his tour of inspection, and will arrive at Chefoo on or about the 23rd inst. The naval review is expected to be a brilliant affair, and doubtless will be fit for bunting and powder-burning are of any avail. It is said the *Severn* will represent the British Navy, and hoped that Admiral Fremantle will be present.

The Shanghai Mercury of the 3rd inst. reports that all the steamers arriving at that port from Hankow bring news of the damage done by the freshets in the Han river. The *Clanmoray*, which arrived there on Thursday last, reports that the Han rose 27 feet in 24 hours, and a steamer was lost in the river. The nights at Hankow are appalling, as, despite the strenuous efforts of the native Benevolent Societies to rescue all floating bodies, the corpses continue to come down past the port in large numbers.

The *Kobe Chronicle* learns from the vernacular that Hong, the assassin of Kim Ok-kun, is treated very leniently by the Korean Government, being merely confined to the house of an official. It is expected that he will be called to the palace before long in order to receive some mark of distinction for having killed the hated outlaw. If the report may be relied on, however, the assassin is troubled by remorse. He says he can never forget the terrible look upon the face of his victim as he sprang up after the first shot was fired; it haunts him night and day, and the impression has had so strong an effect upon him that he is afraid to sleep in a room alone.

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It is reported that Mr. N. R. O'Connor, British Minister to China, has deferred his intended visit to the Yangtze ports for the present. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor were expected at Chefoo about the beginning of the present month and will probably stay there for a time.

The annual distribution of medals and money prizes to pupils selected from all the schools in the Colony, under the Bellies Trust Fund, was held this afternoon at Government House, under the presidency of Major-General Barker, acting governor.

A GENTLE Hint.—"Why is it, Miss Gettlington, that you always put your fan before your face whenever I begin to talk to you?" "Well, Mr. Slowboy, you are such a delightfully sudden and impromptu sort of a man that I always feel just as if you were going to propose, and I want to be prepared."

THE following Consular changes are reported from the North:—Mr. Waiters goes home on leave, and is succeeded at Foochow by Mr. Mansfield. Mr. M. F. A. Frazer relieving the latter gentleman at Weichow. Mr. E. C. Werner, of the Teutonic Consulate, has been promoted to the Vice-Consulship of Macao.

OUR readers should not fail to hear Edison's latest and certainly most improved phonographs, which are now being exhibited by Mr. J. J. Killean, at the Victoria Hotel. Although the *Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's* valuation of the cattle that have been recently slaughtered at Wanted, Report of the Committee appointed to consider and revise the Standing Orders, Agenda.—1. Mortality returns for weeks ended the 28th April and 5th May, 1894. 2. The Sanitary Surveyor's quarterly report. 3. Colonial Veterinary Surgeon's quarterly report. 4. Correspondence concerning the prevalence of a pestilential disease at Canton. 5. Report by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon upon cases of pleuro-pneumonia at Pekoflam. 6. Sanitary Surveyor's report upon the condition of drains at 8 to 14 (even numbers) Arburyton Road, and 15 to 22 (even numbers) Wyndham Street. 7. Letter from the Colonial Secretary concerning an application for permission to erect a memorial in the Shaukiwan cemetery. 8. Application by the Assistant Inspector of Markets for leave of absence.

We read that on Tuesday afternoon last, Liu Taotai, the Director of the Kiangnan Arsenal, inspected and tried two new breech-loading big guns which had lately been completed there. One was an Armstrong firing a 25cwt. shot, and the other a quick-firing forty-pounds. Five shots were fired from the first and four from the second at the regulation targets outside the Arsenal, with good result. These fine guns, of which type the Arsenal has been ordered to buy a large number more, were commenced about ten months ago.

The *Shanghai Mercury* claims to have it on good authority that the real reason why Liu has not taken up the office of Taotai of Shanghai is financial rather than political. Liu, it is well-known, has been a long time out of office, and is not well, or perhaps favourably known among the Chinese. He has had to engage to stamp up a considerable sum of money before entering the office, and, being a poor man, has found difficulty in raising the amount. He has been offering to pay something like sixteen per cent and a *doumo*, but his proposals seem to have fallen flat.

According to a *Kobe* contemporary, the officials of the Nippon Ginko have, singly come across a counterfeit silver yen which has aroused some anxiety. It is composed of copper and mercury, with a coating of silver, and is stated to be a remarkable imitation of the genuine article, well-made in every respect, and quite different from the ordinary hand-made counterfeits of Japan. It is believed to have been manufactured abroad by machinery, and if this rumour is correct it is feared that there must be quantities of these counterfeits somewhere ready to be smuggled.

A CORRESPONDENT writing in the *Straits Times* states that a Dutch doctor, who was commissioned by the Netherlands Colonial authorities to take charge of paleontological researches in Java and Sumatra has had an interesting find. This is the cranium, high bone, and a grinder of what is probably the *Philecanthropus erectus*, the animal that stood between the ape and man. The cranial measures exactly as much less than the cranium of the man of to-day as it measures more than the cranium of the chimpanzee, which is nearest man. "Brownie," only, claim to distinction is thus ruthlessly torn from him. Poor "Brownie!"

On Wednesday last a number of Ningpo merchants resident at Shanghai presented the retiring Taotai Nieh with the orthodox tokens of their appreciation of his rule for the past four years, in the shape of the usual red and gold tablet containing a judicious sentence, a red seal number's, and gold coins containing the names of the donors in gold characters seen on. Soon afterwards, adds our *Shanghai Mercury* column, the *Beikang*, *Gedda*, of the native city, and the *Settlements*, *Shanghai*, *Wuhsien*, *Chinakoo*, followed by some men presented by the *Junk Guild* and *Shanghai* *Yacht Club* respectively.

THE *Ulysses* arsenal on fire.

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burnt down; damage five million francs.

D'Arcy's Marinettes are doing a big business in Japan.

It is said the Amir of Afghanistan is engaging British miners to work the ruby mines in his country.

MANILA, May 9th,
1.45 p.m.

The telegraph line from Bhamo to Namkhan, 120 miles in length, was completed on the 3rd of March.

The Russian transport *Orel*, from Odessa bound to Vladivostock with 1,352 emigrants on board, arrived at Singapore on the 2nd inst.

The Japanese steamer *Nippon Maru* has now been abandoned, there being no hope of getting her off the rocks on which she grounded recently.

The London Lyric Company gave their last performance in Shanghai on Friday last, when "Betty" was produced before a large audience.

A steamer built in England, named the *Shikoku-maru*, of 5,402 tons, 445 feet in length, and 49 feet in breadth, has been added to the fleet of the Nippon Yusen Kai-sha.

We read that Mr. Roosevelt, U.S. Consul at Singapore, is to become editor and business manager of an American journal called the *Overland Monthly*.

It is stated on good authority that there are now 8,000 tons of Chinese rice awaiting shipment from Chempoo, but no vessels are available for its conveyance to Japanese ports. Business, in consequence, is dull.

THE entertainment, in connection with the celebration of St. George's Day at Shanghai, and which had to be postponed from the 2nd ult., on account of unfavourable weather, is to be held on Whit Monday.

JAPAN is suffering from an influx of clever forgers. Three of the men, who are supposed to have put over two thousand yen's worth of fifty-sen notes into circulation, have been arrested, one in Kumamoto and two in Tokyo.

An example worthy of imitation was that of Nakashima, an *attack* of the Tokyo Military Police, who succeeded the other day because he could not pay his debts. Had he come from Nagasaki he would simply have wept and lied.

A SMALL Chinese-owned steamer called the *Sadhi*, trading between Rangoon and Penang, was wrecked and abandoned off Kalgong on the 27th ult. She was built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company in 1878, and was owned in Peiping.

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THE *N. C. Daily News* states that the average time taken in transit by telegrams sent over the Chinese lines giving the results of the recent Shanghai races was 4.2 minutes. These are very decent results to be achieved from such a lengthy land-line, but the messages distributed here by the Joint Cable Companies occupy only a fraction of the time quoted above.

WHAT promises to be a very enjoyable entertainment will be given to-night in the R.A. Theatre, North Barracks, by members of the Royal Artillery M. O. T. An excellent programme has been drawn up consisting of character, comic and sentimental songs, recitations and an extravaganza entitled "The Insurance Office." The performance commences at 8.30 p.m.

THE *N. C. Daily News* of the 5th gives the movements of British men-of-war in Northern waters as follows:—*The Alacrity*, with Admiral Fremantle on board, is expected here to-day. The *Flower* goes to Bering Sea with the *Caroline*. The *Porpoise* is to call at all the river ports on her way to Hankow, and the *Pigmy* and *Eskimo* are to remain at Shanghai for the present.

CONSTABLE Gallagher, No. 89, who to-day fined \$15, or one month's imprisonment with hard labour, by Mr. Wodehouse at the Police Court for committing an unprovoked assault upon a stoker belonging to the British Flagship *Centurion*, when he arrested owing to his having overstayed his leave of absence from duty. The constable had also to pay \$10 to the stoker as compensation, or in default go "aloft" for three weeks. The Mexicans were duly paid.

THE *Siam Free Press* of the 27th ult.—*The Viper*, after returning from her five days' cruise in the Gulf on Tuesday morning, found orders awaiting her to depart for Haifai. She immediately left for that port to bring up to Bangkok the French judges and prosecuting Counsel appointed to re-hear the *Viper* case. The French Judges are MM. Mondot, President; Faure, and Camat, Judges, and M. Durville, prosecuting counsel. *The Viper* is expected here on Saturday evening or at latest on Sunday morning. The rehearing of the case is expected to begin without delay.

A BANGKOK contemporary reports the following case of suspended animation that occurred there: A Siamese woman, aged 40, breathed her last mid-day last Friday, according to the native doctors who attended her. Arrangements were made

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excited a universal feeling of horror. The strikers are alarmed by the popular outbreak, and inclined to submit.

Fierce fighting has taken place in Oklahoma territory between the Indians and the cowboys, a great number on either side being killed.

The Argentine authorities now definitely oppose the extradition of Balfour, the English swindler, on the ground that the whole proceedings instituted to that end are illegal.

Forty anarchists have been arrested in connection with the latest bomb explosion in Paris.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Australasia, speaking at a meeting in London, says the reconstruction schemes of the various Banks are proving a complete success.

April 12th.

A tragic affair is reported from Milwaukee, United States, a large theatre and adjoining hotel being burned to the ground, sixteen inmates of the latter building being roasted to death.

A large stable in Baltimore, U. S., has also been destroyed by fire, 137 horses being burned.

Sir Henry Leach, the Governor of Cape Colony, is leaving for England on six months' leave, at the end of which term it is expected he will return.

A series of experiments with the new bullet-proof clothing have proved astonishingly successful. The inventor, mounted on horse, and both encased in the cloth, submitted to the fire of the best weapons at various ranges, horse and rider coming through the ordeal unscathed.

The Navy Estimates are now being hotly discussed in the House of Commons, and the result of the debate is being awaited with keen interest throughout the Kingdom. The recent public meetings and press comments against the proposed increases having commanded public attention to an unusual degree, and the proposed enormous expenditure in this direction is warmly opposed in certain quarters. The Government favours the policy of immediately taking such steps as will place the English fleet on an equal footing with any probable hostile combination, and the details of a scheme to this end have been placed before the House. The British Admiralty, pending the adoption and carrying out of the above scheme, has decided to subdivide twenty-eight of the most powerful steamers belonging to the different lines, such vessels to be fitted out as cruisers to aid in protecting British merchant vessels in the not altogether improbable event of a sudden outbreak of hostilities.

The Dowager Duchess of Manchester, whilst travelling in Spain, has been robbed of her jewels, valued at many thousands of pounds.

The thief subsequently came into collision with a train, which providentially (!) smashed his legs, the jewellery thereby being recovered.

April 20th.

M. Cogardan is appointed to succeed the Marquis de Reversade de Rouvray as French Minister at Cairo, and M. le Marquis has been transferred to Madrid.

The Commons have read a first time the Government Bill for the creation of a Board of Arbitrators to reinstate the Evicted Irish Tenants. The bill provides for compensation by the State to actual tenants and payment by (it is said) of one year's arrears of rent.

The Parnellites oppose the bill as being inadequate.

Mr. Campbell Bannerman in reply to a question in the House of Commons said the increase of venereal disease in the Army of India demands serious attention, and certain proposals for an Army Sanitary Committee were now being considered, which, he hoped, would tend to improve the health of the men.

April 21st.

Owing to pressure of business in Parliament, the debate on Uganda has been postponed indefinitely.

ATHENS, April 21st.

The earthquake in Greece has destroyed many villages in the provinces of Larissa and Euboea and Phocis, and many lives have been lost, notably around Atalanti. The inhabitants are camping out in fields, and the Government are sending a warship with food, tents, and doctors to the scene.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The Police have arrested at Stratford an Italian anarchist named Ferrara who is the head centre of a widespread conspiracy in London for making bombs and committing outrages on the Continent. [Recent Reuter notifies that this man has been sentenced to twenty years' penal servitude.—Ed.]

THE VICEROY LIU'S RECOVERY.

From Nanking comes the news that owing to having made a vow to the shrine of Prince Slanting, a deified prince of the 7th century, for the preservation of his health and safety, the insidious shadowy attacks of the spirits of certain persons he had recently excommunicated or caused to die sudden deaths, H.E. Liu K'un-yi, the Nanking Viceroy, has without the aid of medicine suddenly recovered his health, so as to be able to pay postscriptual visits to the shrine of this god, which is some distance from the Viceroy's yamen, in order to return thanks for the deity's answering of his prayers. A portion of the vow made by the Viceroy was to pay for ten days' the trials to be performed on the stage before the image of this deified prince. This god the Viceroy has to worship every morning of the ten days' vow. Three of these days have already passed, nor has his Excellency manifested any sign of weakness or relapse.

A popular reason, amongst the many advanced, is that the Viceroy has been visited of late by the spirit of the late ex-Koloa Huo-tze, Li Hien-mou, his wife and concubine, and two chiefs of that society who were associated with him. It will be remembered that Li Hien-mou committed suicide in May of last year when he saw all was lost, in order to escape the disgrace of death on the execution ground of Nanking; that his wife and concubine met their fate by the same process, and that the two Koloa Huo-tzes Kao and Tading, who had obtained the assistance of the Customs assistant Mason to buy rifles and ammunition with Tls. 6,000 of Li Hien-mou's money, were executed a short time after Li's suicide. These five spirits are said to be the principal disturbers of the Viceroy Liu's peace by day and by night. The spirits are said to have claimed that their unlived deaths were not just and that they were innocent of rebellion, hence they were determined to make the Viceroy Liu quit this world within a twelve-month of their deaths, etc. So firmly is this believed both by the Viceroy and his friends that the assistance of the deified Prince of Slanting was prayed for,—this god having a great influence in spiritual land—with the result obtained as above stated.

Taking things as they have happened, we may assume then that the Viceroy Liu has come to the conclusion that any more delay connected with the ceding off of Lu Peh-yang to his imperial post would be an act of *tsiau meishi*, Lu having been appointed by the Emperor's own hand. We have, moreover, good ground to believe, through a telegram from Peking on Thursday, that this is actually the case, news having been secretly conveyed to Nanking from Peking that some fellow-provincials of Lu Peh-yang, and partisans of the Anhui faction, have signified their intention to denounce in their Censorial capacity to the Throne the Viceroy's conduct in this matter unless the latter sends Lu to Shanghai within a certain time. Hence the native press yesterday announced that these are reasons for believing the rumour to be true effect that Lu Peh-yang will probably take over the

seals of the Shanghai Taotiship by the beginning of June next. As for the story of the spirits, we are in a position to vouch for the fact that it is firmly believed in by the Viceroy and his friends, for not later than a week ago two of this official's principal adjutants were in Shanghai for the purpose of asking an ex-pacient Taotai of this province, named Chou Wen-pao, staying at this port for the time being, to proceed in an unofficial capacity to Nanking to exorcise these spirits—this Taotai being famed for this branch of the spiritualist's art, having been specially presented with a seal by the Taotai Po in Kiangsi granting him power to exercise this duty of the Taotai religion. In his unofficial capacity, therefore, Chou Taotai asked for Tls. 2,000 and other privileges, if he should succeed in driving off the spirits. The Viceroy's agents at once closed with the demand and telegraphed to Nanking announcing the fact. A reply telegram, however, has been received giving the story a show, and we have done in the first portion of this paragraph.

A few minutes after writing the foregoing there arrived the following telegraphic despatch from our native correspondent at Peking:—"A censor or Censors have secretly memorialized the Throne lately denouncing the Viceroy Liu K'un-yi on ten counts. Amongst these is the question of deliberate disobedience of the Imperial commands with reference to Le Peh-yang, because he is not a Hunanese, and Liu K'un-yi wants the important posts to be filled by Hunanese; and the unjust forcing to his death of the late alleged Koloa Huo-tze conspirator, Li Hien-mou, and consequent suicide of his wife and concubine, on the ground that Li Hien-mou was innocent of the crime as these two females were." This perhaps accounts for the news that Lu Peh-yang is coming to Shanghai soon. The memorial in question, concludes the telegram, has been temporarily kept from publication in the *Gazette*, awaiting secret investigation by two secretaries of Boards sent on the 10th ultimo from Peking to make enquiries on the spot.—*N. C. Daily News.*

A CHAPTER IN KOREAN HISTORY.

THE POLITICAL MURDER.

The following detailed account of the arrival of the remains of Kim-oh-kun in Korea is to hand. When the Korean King, Li, received telegraphic information from Tientsin of the assassination of Kim-oh-kun, at the hands of Hong Tjyoung-Ou at Shanghai, orders were immediately sent to the assistant manager of the Korean arsenal, one Mr. Tsoo Yi-yuan, and one or two palace officials to take forty of the Royal guards and await the Chinese corvette *Wuching* at Chemulpo. On the 11th of April a reinforcement of fifty soldiers belonging to the prefect of Jenchun (Chemulpo) joined the party, and the whole boarded the steamer *Tsangtung* and steamed to a place called Nanyangwan. On the 13th of April a telegram from Chemulpo was received at Seoul to the effect that the Chinese warship *Wuching* had arrived at Siaiwchui Island, and so the passenger steamer *Hanyang* was at once despatched with this news to Nanyangwan, where Tsoo Yi-yuan and his detachment of troops were waiting. 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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—91 per cent., premium, sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £800 paid up, \$25, sellers.

The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders shares, nominal.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—£2, buyers.

The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares, £2, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—2½ per cent., premium, sellers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—2 per cent., premium, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 E—14 per cent., premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$12 per share, sellers.

China Trader's Insurance Company—\$62 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 170 per share, ex. div., buyers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$138 per share, buyers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$75, sellers.

Ori. Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$184 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$79 per share, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$26 per share, sellers.

China and Manilla Steam Ship Company—\$70, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$34, sellers.

Douglas Steamship Company—\$50, sellers.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—87 per cent., premium, sellers and buyers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$21 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$13 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s 5% per cent. Debentures \$500.

The Austin Arms Hotel and Building Company, Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

The Shamian Hotel Co., Limited—\$4 per share, sellers.

Punjom Mining Co.—\$64 per share, sellers and buyers.

The Raub Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$4.80 per share, sellers.

The New Balnholm Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$2 per share, buyers.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$60 per share, buyers.

The Jelbuk Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$6, ex. div., sellers and buyers.

London and Pacific Petroleum Co., Ltd.—\$16.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$162 per share, sellers.

Luxon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$51, nominal.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$10, sales and sellers.

Bakin, Crucksbank & Co., Limited—\$1 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Daily Farm Co., Limited—\$7 per share, sales and sellers.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$10 per share, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$25, sales and buyers.

The West Point Buildings Co., Limited—\$18 per share, buyers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$8 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$36 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$100 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$120 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$80 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$40 per share, sales and sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$52 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$74, sellers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$4.85, sales and buyers.

The Hongkong Steam Laundry Co., Limited—\$25 per share, nominal.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$60, buyers.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/1

Bank Bills, on demand 2/1

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/1

Credits at 4 months' sight 2/1

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/1

ON PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand 2/2

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/2

ON INDIA—

T. T. 10/1

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ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, T. T. 7/1

Private, 30 days' sight 7/1

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HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Meteor. Geo. Falcon & Co.'s Register.)

Today—

Barometer—10.26.

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